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The Commissioners of the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination have elected former Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals Judith S. Kaye to be the Commission's new chairperson. The chairperson presides over Commission meetings and acts as the Commission's sole spokesperson. Judge Kaye was recently appointed to the Commission by Governor David A. Paterson to serve a term that expires March 31, 2013.

"I am honored that Governor Paterson appointed me to the Commission and am now doubly honored to be chosen to serve as Chair," Judge Kaye remarked. "I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners to make sure that the Court of Appeals continues to be among the nation's most respected courts, and that the Judges of the Court continue to reflect the best of New York's talented and diverse legal community."

The Commission on Judicial Nomination was created by Article 6, § 2 of the New York State Constitution. The Commission nominates seven persons for a vacancy in the office of Chief Judge, from whom the Governor must select his appointment for the vacancy. The Governor's appointment is subject to confirmation by the New York Senate. Of the twelve members of the Commission, four are chosen by the Governor, four by the Chief Judge, and one each by the Speaker of the Assembly, Temporary President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate and Minority Leader of the Assembly.